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INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TALK WITH KING -- DAMASCUS VISIT

REF: BEIRUT 1603

1. FEBRUARY 25 KING HUSSEIN TOLD ME HE WOULD BE VISITING DAMASCUS FEBRUARY 27 FOR "LUNCH" WITH ASAD.
2. HE SAID MAIN SUBJECT ON HIS MIND AND ABOUT WHICH HE WANTED TO TALK WITH ASAD WAS LEBANON. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE SYRIANS WERE FACING INCREASING DIFFICULTIES THERE AND HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SITUATION.
3. HE ASKED ME FOR ANY LATE VIEWS WE MIGHT HAVE FOR HIM PRIOR TO HIS VISIT. AS HE HAS IN THE PAST, I AM SURE HE WOULD BE WILLING TO TRY TO REFLECT OUR IDEAS IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SYRIANS.
4. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT PROVIDE ME WITH TALIING POINTS OR A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY IF THER IS ANYTHING FURTHER WHICH WE WOULD LIKE KING TO HAVE IN MIND WHEN HE SEES ASAD. IF IT WOULD HELP, I AM SURE HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING HE COULD ON GALLAGHER AND DYKES FOR EXAMPLE. IT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL TO HAVE ANY THOUGHTS OR ASSESSMENTS DEPARTMENT,

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BEIRUT OR DAMASCUS MIGHT HAVE TO PROVIDE KING WITH

ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND. SUGGEST ANY MESSAGES BE
TIMED TO ARRIVE HERE 0800 LOCAL FEBRUARY 27 AT LATEST.

5. FOR BEIRUT AND DEPARTMENT: WOULD LIKE TO
DRAW FULLY ON EXCELLENT REFTTEL IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. PLEASE
ADVISE.
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